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ITS USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the claims:

Replace current claims 1-18 with the following new claims 19-42.

--19. A nucleic acid which encodes a human deadenylating nuclease (DAN)

having an amino acid sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:11 or a functional variant  
thereof, and fragments thereof having at least 8 nucleotides.